

SECTION V: Proposed Changes to an Existing Program or Program Policies

Insert here a statement of the exact changes to be made: Revisions to the policy for admission to the BSN program, moving from a GPA based admission to a points based admission, as listed below.

1. Nursing prerequisite GPA > 3.0 (GPA 4.0 X 7) - 28 points maximum

2. Completion of 4 required science courses (see below) with at least a C grade in each. Points will be awarded as follows: 4 points

for each course taken at the UA, and 4 points for 1st attempt As and 2 points for first attempt Bs - 32 points maximum

CHEM 1073/CHEM 1071L Chemistry with Lab

BIOL2443/BIOL2441L Human Anatomy with Lab

BIOL2213/BIOL2211L Human Physiology with Lab

BIOL2013/BIOL2011L Microbiology with Lab

3. Admitted Honors Program students with 18 or more honors credit hours - 10 points

4. Successful completion of required* nursing prerequisite courses (20 points for 75% completion of the required* nursing prerequisite courses at UA; 10 points for 50% required* nursing prerequisite courses at UA excluding electives) OR Second degree student with Bachelor's degree will receive 25 points. Students with a Master's degree will receive 30 points.

1. *Required nursing prerequisite courses include: English 6 credits, Mathematics/Statistics 6 credits, Sciences 16 credits, Fine Arts/Humanities 6 credits, U.S. History 3 credits, Social Sciences 9 credits, Pre-Nursing 6 credits.

2. For students entering the University of Arkansas as freshmen, credits transferred in from high school dual enrollment or AP credit will be counted in the required nursing prerequisite courses at the UA.

Total points possible = 100.

Check if either of these boxes apply and provide the necessary signature:

- Program change proposal adds courses offered by another academic college, and that college dean's office has been notified. The signature of the dean of that academic college is required here: _____
- Program change proposal deletes courses offered by another academic college, and that college dean's office has been notified. The signature of the dean of that academic college is required here: _____

Check all the boxes that apply and complete the required sections of the form:

- Change of Name and Code (Complete only sections I, II, V and VII.)
- Change Course Requirements: (Complete all sections of the form except "Proposed Name" in II, section III, and section IV.)
- Change Delivery Site/Method (Complete all sections of the form except "Proposed Name" in II, section III, and section IV.)
- Change Total Hours (Complete all sections of the form except "Proposed Name" in II, section III, and section IV.)
- Change in Program Policies

SECTION VI: Justification

Justify this change and state its likely effect on any other degree program (including those outside the school or college). Identify any program or program components (other than courses) to be eliminated if this program is implemented. (Program and course change forms must also be submitted for such related changes.)

The justification for this change is that previously the admission criteria was solely based on GPA, which did not equate to success in the nursing program. The GPA policy did not take into account individual science course grades which has been shown to be an indicator of NCLEX-RN (national licensure exam) success; therefore, a points based system was developed that allocated points for science course grades. In addition, the points based system awards points to students who have taken their pre-nursing courses at UA. This was based on the fact that the department has confidence in the science courses taught on campus and the rigor of those courses. Students who have taken science courses outside of the UA tend to struggle in the nursing program and have difficulty graduating with their admitted cohort.

SECTION VII: Catalog Text and Format

In the box below, insert the current catalog text which is to be changed, with changes highlighted with the color yellow. Include all proposed changes identified in Section V. Only changes explicitly stated in Section V will be considered for approval by the University Course and Programs Committee, the Graduate Council and the Faculty Senate. If you are proposing a new program, give proposed text with all of the elements listed below. If you are proposing modified text, include these elements as appropriate.

Include the following elements, in order, in the catalog text for proposed undergraduate program(s) or program changes:

- State complete major/program name
- Briefly define or describe the major/program or discipline.
- Identify typical career goals or paths for graduates. (Optional)
- State admission requirements (if any) for entry or entry into upper/advanced level of major/program.

- Identify location in catalog of university, college/school, and department/program requirements which the student must meet in addition to hours in the major, but do not restate these requirements.
- State course requirements in the major and any allied areas, giving number of hours and specific courses; specify electives or elective areas and give numbers of hours and courses in elective pools or categories; identify any other course requirements.
- State any other requirements (required GPA, internship, exit exam, project, thesis, etc.).
- Identify name and requirements for each concentration (if any).
- Specify whether a minor or other program component is allowed or required and provide details.
- State eight-semester plan requirements

For minors, state requirements in terms of hours, required courses, electives, etc.

For graduate program/units, include elements (as needed) parallel to those listed for undergraduate programs above.

For Law School program/units, prepare text consistent with current catalog style.

For centers, prepare text consistent with current catalog style.

Current Admission Policy

Conditional Admission to the BSN Program

Admission to the B.S.N. program is limited. Conditional admission will be determined by the Eleanor Mann School of Nursing faculty. Admission requirements for the professional program of study are as follows:

1. Overall minimum grade-point average (GPA) of 3.00. The GPA is the most important factor for admission selection.
2. Students will be ranked according to GPA and selected for conditional admission to the program based on GPA rank.
3. The GPA will be computed on all prerequisite courses for nursing only, whether they are from the University of Arkansas or transfer hours.
4. If the student is a second degree student, an additional 0.1 point will be added to the GPA for the student for admission ranking.
5. Applications for admission must be submitted between November 15 and January 15 to be considered for fall semester admission and between April 15 and June 1 for spring semester admission. Late applications will be considered on a space-available basis.
6. Students must meet the performance standards for the professional program of study.
7. Students transferring from another nursing program must provide a letter from the nursing program that they are eligible to return and are in good standing to be considered for admission.
8. Letter of Intent to be considered for admission must be received in the EMSON office by date specified in admission letter.

Proposed Changes:

CONDITIONAL ADMISSION TO THE GENERIC BSN PROGRAM

Admission to the Generic B.S.N. program is limited. Conditional admission will be determined by the Eleanor Mann School of Nursing faculty. To be eligible to apply, students must have a cumulative GPA of >3.0. Admission requirements for the professional program of study are as follows:

1. Nursing prerequisite GPA > 3.0 (GPA 4.0 X 7) - 28 points maximum
2. Completion of 4 required science courses (see below) with at least a C grade in each. Points will be awarded as follows: 4 points for each course taken at the UA, and 4 points for 1st attempt As and 2 points for first attempt Bs - 32 points maximum
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 1. *Required nursing prerequisite courses include: English 6 credits, Mathematics/Statistics 6 credits, Sciences 16 credits, Fine Arts/Humanities 6 credits, U.S. History 3 credits, Social Sciences 9 credits, Pre-Nursing 6 credits.
 2. For students entering the University of Arkansas as freshmen, credits transferred in from high school dual enrollment or AP credit will be counted in the required nursing prerequisite courses at the UA.

Total points possible = 100.

1. Applications for admission must be submitted between November 1 and December 1 to be considered for fall semester admission and between April 1 and May 1 for spring semester admission. Late applications will not be accepted.
2. Students must meet the performance standards for the professional program of study.
3. Students transferring from another nursing program must provide a letter from the nursing program that they are eligible to return and are in good standing to be considered for admission.
4. Letter of Intent to be considered for admission must be received in the EMSON office by date specified in admission letter.
5. Students who are conditionally accepted into the nursing program must maintain their GPA.

6. Multiple withdraws from courses will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

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SECTION VIII: Action Recorded by Registrar's Office

PROGRAM INVENTORY/DARS

PGRM _____ SUBJ _____ CIP _____ CRTS _____
DGRE _____ PGCT _____ OFFC&CRTY VALID _____

REPORTING CODES

PROG. DEF. _____ REQ. DEF. _____
Initials _____ Date _____

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Notification to:

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